

PARLEY CAN AGREE ON FAR EAST SOLUTION, DELEGATES CLAIM

CHINA DEMANDS INDEPENDENCE AND INTACT TERRITORY

Views of Celestial Republic Presented at Session Of Conference.

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bate removed, all of the representatives of the powers invited to participate exchanged broadly their views. And all of the delegates who could be seen after the meeting expressed optimism that eventual agreement would be reached on all subjects under discussion.

The events of the day in sequence were:

The committee on the Far East and the Pacific, made up of the delegations from the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Belgium, the Netherlands, China and Portugal assembled. A committee was named and adjournment taken to the call of the chair. The Chinese delegation presented, as was expected, their suggestions concerning the needs of China.

The subcommittee of naval experts, named to consider the American disarmament proposals, and the suggestions by Great Britain and Japan as to amendments, met and established a basis for frank and free discussion.

The executive committee of the American advisory delegation met and took up the various questions concerning the functioning of its work.

Arthur J. Balfour, chief of the British mission, chatted with the newspaper correspondents from the world. He further emphasized England's desire to be helpful rather than to hinder.

Text of China's Statement.

Of course, the big development was the statement filed by the Chinese delegation with the committee considering the Far Eastern problems. It said:

"In view of the fact that China must necessarily play an important part in the deliberations of the conference with reference to the political situation in the Far East, the Chinese delegation has thought it proper that they should take the first public opportunity to state certain general principles which, in their opinion, should guide the conference in the determination which it is to make.

"Certain of the specific applications of the principles which it is expected that the conference will make, it is our intention later to bring forward, but at the present time it is deemed sufficient simply to propose the principles which I shall presently read.

"In formulating these principles the purpose has been kept steadily in view of obtaining rules in accordance with which existing and possible future political and economic problems in the Far East may be most justly settled, and with due regard to the rights and legitimate interests of the powers concerned.

Others Hear Resources.

"Thus it has been sought to harmonize the particular interests of China with the general interests of all the world. China is anxious to play her part, not only in maintaining peace, but in promoting the material advancement and the cultural development of all the nations.

"She wishes to make her vast natural resources available to all peoples who need them, and in return to receive the benefits of free and equal intercourse with them. In order that she may do so it is necessary that she should have every possible opportunity to develop her political institutions in accordance with the genius and needs of her own people. China now is contenting with certain difficult problems which necessarily arise when any country makes a radical change in her form of government.

"These problems she will be able to solve if given the opportunity to do so. This means not only that she should be freed from the danger, threat, or fear of aggression, but that so far as circumstances will possibly permit, she be relieved from limitations which now deprive her from autonomous administrative action and prevent her securing adequate public revenues.

Proposes Principles.

"In conformity with the agenda of the conference, the Chinese government proposes for the consideration and adoption by the conference the following general principles to be applied in the determination of the questions relating to China:

"First—(a) The powers engage to respect and observe the territorial integrity and political and administrative independence of the Chinese Republic.

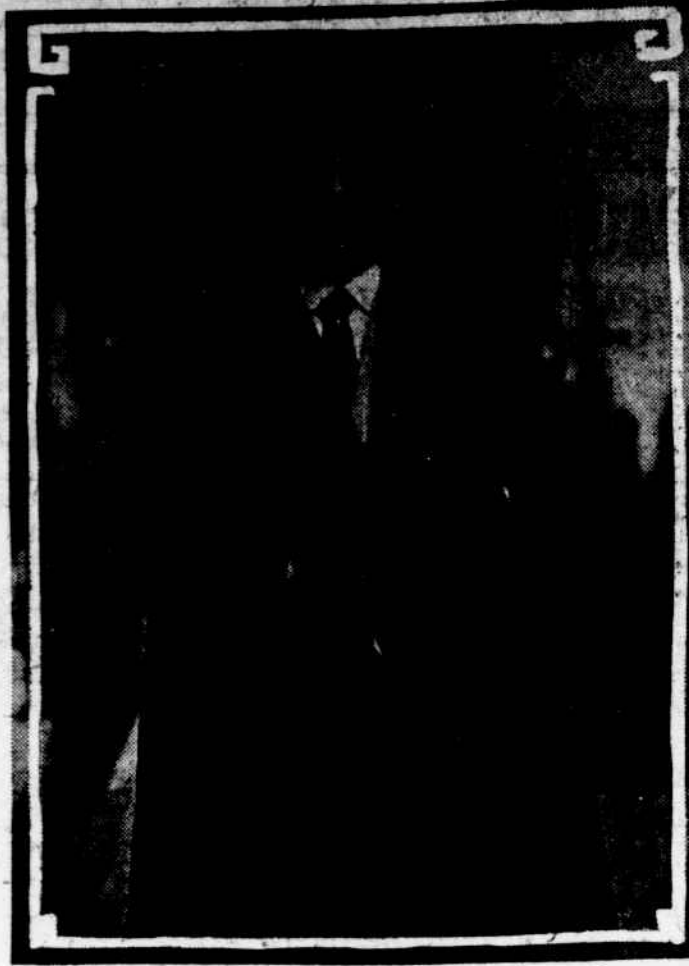
"Second—(b) China, upon her part, is prepared to give and undertake not to alienate or lease any portion of her territory or littoral to any power.

"Third—(c) China, being in full accord with the principle of the so-called open door or equal opportunity for the commerce and industry of all nations having treaty relations with China, is prepared to accept and apply it to all parts of the Chinese Republic without exception.

"Fourth—(d) With a view to strengthening mutual confidence and maintaining peace in the Pacific and the Far East, the powers agree not to conclude between themselves any treaty or agreement directly affecting China or the general peace in those regions without previously notifying China and giving her an opportunity to participate.

Wants All Privileges Void.

"Fifth—(e) All special rights, privileges, immunities, commitments, whatever their character or contractual basis, claimed by any of the powers in or relating to



RENE VIVIANI, Leading figure in French delegation to Washington conference.

China are to be declared, and all such or future claims not so made known are to be made null and void. The rights, privileges, immunities and commitments, now known or to be declared, are to be examined with a view to determining their scope and validity, and, if valid, to harmonizing them with one another and with the principles declared by this conference.

"Sixth—(f) Immediately or as soon as circumstances shall permit, existing immunities, immunities, jurisdictional and administrative freedom of action are to be removed.

"Seventh—(g) Reasonable, definite terms of duration are to be attached to China's present commitments which are without time limits.

"Eighth—(h) In the interpretation of instruments granting special rights or privileges, the well-established principle of construction that such grants shall be strictly construed in favor of the grantors is to be observed.

"Ninth—(i) China's rights as a neutral are to be fully respected in future wars in which she is a party.

Eastern Disputes.

"Tenth—(j) Provision is to be made for the peaceful settlement of international questions and disputes in the Pacific and the Far East.

"Eleventh—(k) Provision is to be made for further conferences to be held from time to time for the discussion of international questions relating to the Pacific and the Far East, as a basis for the determination of common policies of the signatory powers in relation thereto.

The suggestions of the Chinese delegates were listened to with the utmost consideration by the various delegations. Of course, there was no debate on them. This could not be considered at that moment. There must be a very serious difference of views on these plans, and it is extremely certain that they will not be approved as they were put forth. But within them there is a basis for an agreement that will satisfy not alone China, but the powers which are rather unfriendly to the Celestial Republic.

Assistant Secretary Named.

The meeting of the executive committee of the American advisory committee was devoted to an interchange of talk. An assistant secretary was named and the committee members discussed the work that they expect will be apportioned to them as soon as the committee meetings get to positive functioning. Members of the executive committee were inclined to oppose the suggestion of Mr. Balfour, of the British delegation, that one war-craft shipbuilding yard be maintained. To do this, it is understood they held, would be to rob the Hughes suggestion of one of its vital proposals. What Mr. Hughes has suggested is a complete naval holiday of ten years. That would reassure the peoples of the world, in the opinion of the American advisory board. To maintain one yard to turn out a ship a year would be

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CHINA PLEADS FOR PROVINCES AND INTEGRITY

Demands Right to Exist As Free and Independent Nation.

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son of Wu Ting Fang, has not accompanied the Chinese delegation to which he was invited as a member.

Approve "Open Door" Policy.

The Chinese declare themselves in full accord with the "open door" policy and promise to maintain it. With the Chinese government itself collecting customs revenues and fixing duties, controlling its transportation, manufacturing and handling of raw products, it expects it could derive some benefits from unhampered foreign trade, instead of being mulcted by the foreign powers which now control it absolutely.

Free hand in foreign policy and diplomatic relations is asked by China in article 3, which requests that no future treaties or agreements affecting her be made by other powers without her participation.

Adoption of this demand would "smoke out" any private understanding between Britain and Japan regarding Chinese interests in the Far East and would settle definitely the oft-debated but persistent rumor of a secret alliance between Japan and Germany, eventually aimed to embrace Russia also, for carving up the Chinese Empire and controlling all of Asia.

Would End Special Interests.

Article 5 provides that all monopolies, privileges and special interests which have been limiting her political jurisdiction and hampering her administrative freedom shall be removed "as soon as circumstances permit."

This principle applies to the British control over customs and duties, to the maximum of 5 per cent tariff on imports imposed by Britain in the treaty of 1842 and extended to France and other powers later. It aims at the French salt monopoly under which France levies a tax on every ounce of this necessity which is consumed in China; it is directed at certain railway concessions owned and operated by foreign interests without regard to China's economic needs.

Dynamite is found in article 7, whose principal target is Shantung. "Reasonable and definite terms of duration are to be attached to China's present commitments which are without time limits."

Japan Agreed to Evacuate.

Germany held her Klau Chao in Shantung under a ninety-nine-year lease, forced on China under duress.

No official information concerning this was forthcoming. None will be until Premier Briand, as spokesman for the French nation, makes his public statement.

That Italy and France will propose through their naval experts on the subcommittee now examining the Hughes proposals that they be authorized to increase instead of decreasing their navies is considered a certainty. During the war neither nation was able to construct any capital ships and the general naval program was sidetracked in order that the man power of the armies could be augmented to the highest possible notch. Now, however, both nations believe that they should be afforded opportunity of constructing at least one modern warship so that the great disparity between their navies and those of other nations would not be so great. This matter will be determined by the subcommittee of which Col. Roosevelt is the chairman and a definite recommendation made to the full committee.

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French Delegates Confer. The French delegates held a conference last night. It was assumed that they were going over the various data dealing with the land disarmament suggestions that France is expected to make later

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U. S. TO ABANDON WAR BUILDINGS

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